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Horseheads High School Class of 2026 Top Graduates Announced

HORSEHEADS, N.Y. --- Horseheads Central School District is proud to announce the top academic graduates for the Class of 2026, recognizing students whose dedication, perseverance and commitment to excellence have distinguished them among their classmates.

The top five scholars for the Class of 2026 are:

- Finn Van Buskirk — Valedictorian
- Lucie McKenzie — Salutatorian
- Kayla Rathbun — Laureate
- Abby Sumner — Superintendent's Honors
- Erica Bancroft — Principal's Honors

In addition to the top five graduates, the remaining students ranking within the top five percent of the graduating class have earned recognition as Mark Twain Scholars. Those students include:

- Mackenzie Baker
- Alexis Borek
- Grace Cronin
- Joseph Juan
- Dominick Marino
- James McKee
- Jacob Nah

The students will be honored during the annual Mark Twain Scholars Dinner on Thursday, June 4 at Elmira College. They will also be recognized during annual class award ceremonies and at graduation commencement exercises.

Horseheads Central School District congratulates these outstanding students on their remarkable academic achievements and wishes them continued success in their future endeavors.